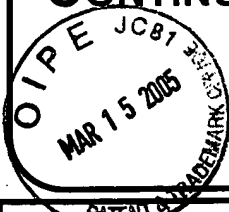


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Application Number	10/767,037
Filing Date	January 28, 2004
First Named Inventor	Charles W. Fink
Art Unit	1742
Examiner Name	Kastler
Attorney Docket Number	162-CIP-D702-US

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1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
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- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

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- a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. _____
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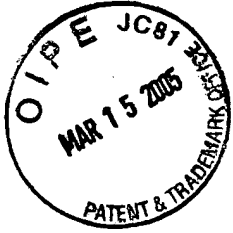
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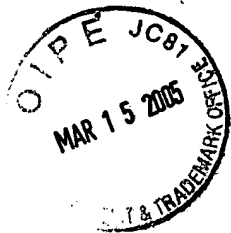
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Filing Date:	January 28, 2004)	Primary Examiner Scott Kastler
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Title:	Apparatus for Softening)	Art Unit 1742
	a Selected Portion of)	
	a Steel Object by Heating)	

AMENDMENT (37 CFR §1.114 SUBMISSION)

We submit this amendment, a 37 CFR §1.114 submission accompanying an RCE, following receipt of the January 18, 2005 Office Action to put the application in condition for allowance.



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**LETTER ACCOMPANYING
REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

We transmit herewith form PTO/SB/30 (08-00) filled out to reflect a request for continued examination of application serial number 10/767,037 together with a 37 CFR §1.114 Submission.

Also enclosed is a check for \$395.00 - for RCE filing fee, small entity.

The Examiner's attention is directed to the fact that the 37 CFR §114 Submission, an Amendment, is being filed simultaneously with this Request for Continued Examination.

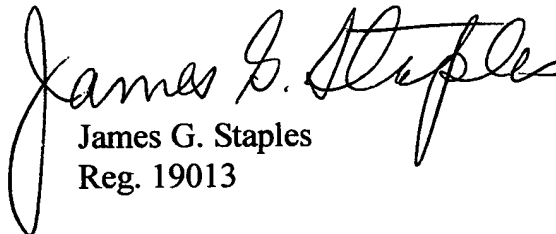
This Request for Continued Examination is filed to maintain the application in a continually pending status so that the Examiner can enter the Amendment submitted concurrently herewith.

We call the Examiner's attention to the fact that the accompanying "AMENDMENT - 37 CFR §1.114 Submission" contains further revisions over the unofficial submission sent to the Examiner about March 7.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact us if any matter remains outstanding which would preclude prompt passage of the application to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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